



Simonton EOC Resident Recovery Guide

Mosquito and Pest control;

**Fort County Road and Bridge dept. will be out to spray when the rain and flood water abates.

**Different mosquitos bite at different times and cause different problems. Mosquitos that are day time biters are the cause of Chikungunya, Dengue and Zika viruses, dusk to dawn mosquitos cause the West Nile.

**If you need to be outside residents are encouraged to use products with DEET or another repellent Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, or IR3535. Wear loose light colored clothing and long sleeves. For further information call Health and Human Services 281-238-3551

** Keep all items that can hold water empty; buckets, garden tools, children's toys, flower pots, bird baths, tires, tarps, etc. Keep debris from gutters and drainage ditches so they can drain. When possible trim back thick shrubbery and over grown grass. Standing water will attract the mosquitos.

When returning home after flooding please take the following precautions as advised by the Centers for Disease Control;

If you have had water in your house make sure gas and electricity are off. Do not work with standing water in your house with the electricity on. If you smell gas, have downed power lines or see frayed wiring, please call your utility company and vacate the premises. Consult the utility company or a qualified electrician before using electrical equipment including power generators.

Clean up;

** We are working on obtaining clean up kits from the Red Cross.

**Walls and hard surfaces can be cleaned with soap and water and disinfected with a solution of 1 cup of bleach per 5 gallons of water. Thoroughly clean any and all surfaces that come into contact with food, counters, pantry shelves etc. Areas where children play should be carefully cleaned, inside as well as outside toys need to be disinfected as well as other surfaces, etc. Please remember that outside toys expose to flood water may have been exposed to harmful contaminants.

**Any area rugs need to be steam cleaned and placed in the sun to allow to dry. Minor damaged upholstered furniture should be dried in the sun and sprayed with disinfectant. Take care to dispose of any furniture that is too heavily damaged as mold will grow.

**If sewage has backed up into the house, wear rubber gloves and boots during clean up. This would include flood waters in rural areas with livestock in the immediate surrounding areas as these areas are laden with livestock feces.

Vaccinations; (Issues to be concerned about with our area at this time will be open wounds.) If you are working in your home remediating damage and cut yourself, please contact your doctor regarding the need for a Tetanus booster as the water may be contaminated with fecal matter.

Chemical Hazards; Please use the following

**If you discover a propane tank on your property that has come loose, please do not attempt to remove it yourself. Contact your local fire department. (This poses a serious threat for fire or explosion.)

**For major mold concerns; please refer to the following website for the latest information www.CDC.gov

Well and Septic Safety;

**Please see the following websites for the most up to date information.

www.fortbendcountytx.gov/index.aspx?page=442 There are also pamphlets that can be accessed on the City of Simonton website. www.simontontexas.gov/forms-applications/

Well water that needs to be tested can be taken to the Reading Rd. location. Please see the website for further details on instructions for completing this process. The address for the location is 4520 Reading Rd. Rosenberg 77471. The courier is available to take water samples to the Houston location on Wednesday's until noon. Otherwise you may take your sample directly to the Houston office. This address can be found on the Fort Bend County website.

**If you have a garden that was flooded it is recommended that it not be harvested and utilized because of harmful contaminants from the flood water.

Flood Trash Removal

Per city ordinances all residents are required to properly dispose of all waste incurred from the latest weather events.

Texas Pride Disposal and Sprint Waste are working with the city to provide all residents with the best available services to do so.

Sprint Waste Services will be handling our flood trash/debris

Please contact Al Soltura, 281-491-7775

The following is a list of available products and pricing;

20 yard container: \$425

30 yard container: \$475

40 yard container: \$550

Delivery: \$125

Sprint is located in Sugar Land and wants to charge us \$150 for a delivery fee. Our waste management service company Texas Pride has agreed to absorb the additional cost of \$25 to give our residents the best price. 20 yards is the smallest container available. We would like to encourage our residents to work together and share containers where possible. This is beneficial on all fronts. It ensures our city will get cleaned up, reduces individual costs and helps to keep our streets clear of equipment that isn't necessary. If neighbors are sharing a container please decide upon a central location that is not in a street or on city property.

Hazardous waste like batteries and tires and etc. can be placed into the containers. Sprint sorts these materials on site. If you get a container please share this information your neighbors and allow them to safely dispose of these items. This will help keep our city clean and safe.

Sprint has agreed to a 30 day billing cycle on the charges for the container. These charges are covered by most insurance and are also tax deductible.

Volunteer Needs;

We will still need volunteers to help our neighbors with recovery. If you need assistance or can help your neighbor please call 281-346-4102. You can also post your needs or check for needs on our social media sites.

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